# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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HARVESTING OF RAIN WATER
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government propose to make rain water harvesting an essential part of the building plans in the country in order to harvest rain water;

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Government in this direction;

(c) the number of Government buildings in which rain water harvesting technique has been provided;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to put in place rain water harvesting in all Government colonies; and

(e) the total amount required for the purpose?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has already issued notificaion making water harvesting through storing of water runoff including rain water in all the new buildings on plots of 100 sq. mts. and above mandatory in Delhi. They have also circulated guidelines and other relevant literature on rain water harvesting for augmentation of ground water storage to all the State Governments and Union Territories.

(c) The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under the Ministry of Water Resources has implemented a Central Sector Scheme for Study of Recharge to Ground Water on "pilotbasis" during the IX Five Year Plan.Under this scheme, 77 projects on roof top rain water harvesting were approved for implementation at Government and semi-Government institutions.

(d) & (e) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has asked the CPWD to examine thefeasibility to put in place rain water harvesting in Government colonies. The total amount required for this purpose can be worked out only after this study has been completed.